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Feature Focus - May 2011



IMAGINE! WHAT IS POSSIBLE?

The Southeast Conference Gathers for its Annual Meeting June 11th.

Many of us have become used to a certain rhythm to our Annual Meetings in the Southeast Conference, but this year we are introducing some significant changes. In an effort to make the experience more affordable and accessible, the meeting will take place for only one day, Saturday, June 11th. We will also make this an opportunity for us to build a greater sense of community and celebrate the creativity in congregations of our conference. Our opening worship will be led by



Kirkwood UCC and our closing worship by Praxis UCC, both of which are new church starts in the Atlanta area. We will have a panel featuring pastors of various churches across the conference which have gone through transitions that have led to greater vitality and faithfulness in ministry. There will be a time before the beginning of the Annual Meeting for informal conversations in "Conversation Corners" with a number of our staff

and other resource people.

The business meeting will be kept as "streamlined" as possible, with one resolution, a proposal that we become a Global Mission Conference. All are encouraged to participate in a "Conversation Corner" from 9:15 am to 11:00 am. The Annual Meeting will be called to order at 11:00 am with opening worship. Following lunch there will be a panel of Southeast Conference pastors who are leading their communities into seasons of renewal. Check the schedule for details.

There are other ways in which we will foster fellowship and conversation. If there are matters of particular interest to you, and you would like to invite others into a conversation with you, you will be invited to sign up to lead the conversation around your particular interest. Others will have an opportunity to join your conversation, and we will have a time for you to report out to the whole gathering.

All of this is designed to build our community and to strengthen our connections with one another. Take a look at the conversations that will be available to you and imagine what is possible with all that is present across our conference and its



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[A 'Just Peace' future: Part 2](#)

Following the recently concluded World Council of Churches' International Ecumenical Peace Convocation held in Kingston, Jamaica, United Church News asked Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite to reflect on the history, progress and potential future of the Just Peace movement.



Imagine that is possible that all that is present across our conference and its congregations!

**Panel of Southeast Conference Pastors Will Lead a Discussion of
“Imagine! What is Possible?”**

Four pastors and leaders of the Southeast Conference have been invited to be a part of a panel during our Annual Meeting to discuss ways in which they have brought vitality and vision to their particular ministry. Each of them comes from a setting for ministry quite different from others on the panel, and each brings special gifts to share! There will also be a time for questions and answers and deeper discussion. The panel will be moderated by the Vice-Moderator of the Conference, Jim Crabb, and will begin at 1:30.

Make sure you follow the links to Annual Meeting Materials.
The Southeast Conference 45th Annual Meeting

- > [The 45th Annual Meeting Information](#) - visit the [SEC Website](#)
- > [Annual Meeting Brochure & Registration](#) / [Just Registration Form for Annual Meeting](#)
- > [Online Meeting Registration](#)
- > **Annual Meeting Materials** - Will be coming soon. Watch the website.
- > [Conversation Corners](#) - Saturday | June 11 from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m.
- > [Lodging Information](#) for **Court Yard Executive Park** - Ask for Market Code UZRG (UCC Rate)

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